

**REMARKS**

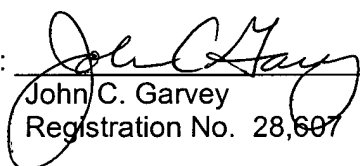
This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed May 7, 2004. By this Amendment, claim 34 is cancelled.

In summary, it is submitted that all of the claims should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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